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**GENERAL ENGLISH PAPER-II**

Time Allowed : 2 hours

Full Marks : 100

*All questions carry equal mark of 1 each.*  
*Attempt all questions.*

**Directions (Question Nos. 1 - 10) : Identify the parts of speech of each underlined words:**

1. Beauty needs no ornaments at all.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Verb  
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
2. The dog is the commonest pet. It is known for its loyalty.  
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun  
(c) Determiner (d) Adverb
3. Once there was an old saint.  
(a) Interjection (b) Verb  
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
4. Gentle words win hearts of others.  
(a) Preposition (b) Adjective  
(c) Noun (d) Adverb
5. The woodcutter felled the trees.  
(a) Noun (b) Preposition  
(c) Verb (d) Adverb
6. Do it quickly.  
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun  
(c) Determiner (d) Verb
7. There is a wooden bridge over the stream.  
(a) Conjunction (b) Preposition  
(c) Interjection (d) Adverb
8. He is poor yet he is honest.  
(a) Adverb (b) Pronoun  
(c) Determiner (d) Conjunction
9. Alas! My dearest friend is no more.  
(a) Adjective (b) Pronoun  
(c) Determiner (d) Interjection

10. Beautiful damsels like to become actresses.

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| (a) Conjunction | (b) Preposition |
| (c) Adjective   | (d) Pronoun     |

**Directions (Question Nos. 11 - 20) : Choose the appropriate determiners from the alternatives given under each sentence:**

11. I bought \_\_\_\_\_ tea.

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| (a) a    | (b) every |
| (c) some | (d) much  |

12. We have \_\_\_\_\_ provisions for the month.

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| (a) much | (b) enough |
| (c) each | (d) every  |

13. \_\_\_\_\_ wisdom is needed for this job.

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| (a) Neither  | (b) Another |
| (c) Enormous | (d) Much    |

14. \_\_\_\_\_ soldier had a gun in his hands.

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| (a) Some | (b) Every |
| (c) Each | (d) Much  |

15. \_\_\_\_\_ person is to die one day.

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| (a) Many | (b) Every |
| (c) Some | (d) Much  |

16. I saw \_\_\_\_\_ one eyed man

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| (a) a  | (b) many |
| (c) an | (d) the  |

17. I will tell you about it \_\_\_\_\_ day.

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| (a) a    | (b) every |
| (c) some | (d) the   |

18. \_\_\_\_\_ pocket was picked yesterday?

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| (a) Whose | (b) That |
| (c) What  | (d) The  |

19. \_\_\_\_\_ dog is a faithful animal.

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| (a) The  | (b) An |
| (c) That | (d) A  |

20. The spectators went to their \_\_\_\_\_ homes.

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| (a) each    | (b) every |
| (c) several | (d) much  |

**Directions (Question Nos. 21 - 30) : Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of prepositions from the given alternatives:**

21. Place these books \_\_\_\_\_ the table.

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| (a) at   | (b) in |
| (c) upon | (d) on |

22. The crow is sitting \_\_\_\_\_ the tree-top.

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| (a) on | (b) beside |
| (c) at | (d) in     |

23. The cap-seller rested \_\_\_\_\_ a shady tree.  
(a) across (b) with  
(c) into (d) beneath
24. My uncle sent a watch \_\_\_\_\_ me.  
(a) by (b) from  
(c) for (d) to
25. We sleep \_\_\_\_\_ the night.  
(a) during (b) upon  
(c) in (d) into
26. I caught the culprit \_\_\_\_\_ the neck.  
(a) from (b) by  
(c) with (d) at
27. The leaves of trees fall \_\_\_\_\_ in autumn.  
(a) to (b) off  
(c) down (d) by
28. The books are lying \_\_\_\_\_ the table.  
(a) at (b) in  
(c) with (d) on
29. The lamb looked around \_\_\_\_\_ fear.  
(a) with (b) in  
(c) at (d) from
30. There is a bridge \_\_\_\_\_ the river.  
(a) at (b) through  
(c) across (d) over

**Directions (Question Nos. 31 - 35) : Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of pronouns from the alternatives given:**

31. \_\_\_\_\_ has broken my slate?  
(a) Which (b) Whom  
(c) Who (d) What
32. \_\_\_\_\_ is this fountain-pen?  
(a) Whose (b) What  
(c) Which (d) Where
33. This is the house \_\_\_\_\_ I sold last year.  
(a) that (b) whom  
(c) which (d) what
34. \_\_\_\_\_ of my friends are coming to see me.  
(a) Some (b) That  
(c) What (d) Which
35. Always help \_\_\_\_\_ as far as you can.  
(a) that (b) these  
(c) those (d) others

**Directions (Question Nos. 36 - 40) : Insert appropriate articles if necessary, to fill up the gaps:**

36. I am \_\_\_\_\_ university student.  
(a) a (b) an  
(c) the (d) that
37. Kiran is \_\_\_\_\_ best student in the class.  
(a) that (b) which  
(c) the (d) who
38. Gold is \_\_\_\_\_ precious metal.  
(a) that (b) the  
(c) a (d) an
39. She returned after \_\_\_\_\_ hour.  
(a) which (b) an  
(c) that (d) the
40. \_\_\_\_\_ sun rises in the east.  
(a) A (b) That  
(c) Those (d) The

**Directions (Question Nos. 41 - 48) : Analyze the given sentences and choose the correct option:**

41. The house was destroyed in the fire, but the whole family was saved.  
(a) Complex sentence (b) Simple sentence  
(c) Compound sentence
42. The evil that man do lives after them.  
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Simple sentence
43. All that glitters is not gold.  
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound sentence  
(c) Simple sentence
44. Neither the colour nor the design of this cloth appeals to me.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Compound sentence
45. The men who rule the world with their pens are mightier than those who rule the world with their swords.  
(a) Compound sentence (b) Complex sentence  
(c) Simple sentence
46. The kittens were adopted by the family.  
(a) Complex sentence (b) Simple sentence  
(c) Compound sentence
47. Waling through the woods, he saw a fox that was following him.  
(a) Simple sentence (b) Compound sentence  
(c) Complex sentence
48. Pancakes are my least favourite.  
(a) Complex sentence (b) Compound sentence  
(c) Simple sentence

**Directions (Question Nos. 49 - 56) : Identify what kind of phrase the underlined words are:**

49. I hope to win the first prize.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
50. I dislike having to punish my kids.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
51. Put the flowers by the bird bath.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
52. The players responded surprisingly well to all the pressures of the playoffs.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
53. As quickly as possible we cleaned the fish and placed them in coolers.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
54. The movie was not too terrible.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
55. A person smarter than me needs to figure this out.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase
56. Her eyes were incredibly mesmerizing to the young man.  
(a) Noun Phrase (b) Adjective Phrase  
(c) Adverb Phrase

**Directions (Question Nos. 57 - 65) : Pick the correct clause of the words underlined in the given sentence:**

57. Choose a gift for whomever you want.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
58. Whichever restaurant you pick is fine with me.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
59. Do you know what the weather will be.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
60. Pizza, which most people love is not very healthy.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
61. Students who are intelligent get good grades.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause

62. Eco-friendly cars that run on electricity save gas.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
63. When you get home call me.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
64. Whenever you see a rainbow, a rain shower has been recent.  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause
65. Since you are coming over anyway, why don't you bring your bike?  
(a) Noun Clause (b) Adjective Clause  
(c) Adverb Clause

**Directions (Question Nos. 66 - 70) : Identify the correct notion expressed by each of the following sentences by choosing one of the alternatives given:**

66. Please bring this basket to your grandmother.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
67. Can you repeat the question?  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
68. Don't do that.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
69. You are very intelligent.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive
70. The mango tastes sweet.  
(a) Imperative (b) Interrogative  
(c) Affirmative (d) Assertive

**Directions (Question Nos. 71 - 80) : Choose the correct meaning of the underlined idioms and phrases from the four alternatives given:**

71. The rule has become null and void.  
(a) in practice (b) no longer in practice  
(c) to become empty (d) in great demand
72. Over and above his intelligence, his honesty is praiseworthy too.  
(a) in addition to (b) as a matter of choice  
(c) above one's head (d) in spite of
73. We returned from the long journey safe and sound.  
(a) very tired (b) with much noise  
(c) quite safely (d) sooner than expected

74. Slow and steady always wins the race.  
(a) gradual but continuous (b) to lag behind everybody  
(c) dart suddenly with speed (d) slower than everybody
75. Mad in anger, the king struck right and left.  
(a) both sides (b) angrily blinded  
(c) quickly and fiercely (d) in all directions
76. I promise to stand by you through thick and thin.  
(a) through lean times (b) against everyone  
(c) during hard times (d) in misery and prosperity
77. When the house suddenly caught fire late at night, its inmates raised a hue and cry.  
(a) muffled sound (b) loud noise  
(c) cry uncontrollably (d) shine with bright colours
78. Flesh and blood cannot stand this type of cruelty.  
(a) kinship (b) bond among families  
(c) human nature (d) strength of men
79. The train being late, I could reach the examination hall in the nick of time.  
(a) just in time (b) to reach late  
(c) ahead of everyone (d) with time to spare
80. The criminal escaped scot free from the court for want of evidence.  
(a) without proof (b) with someone's help  
(c) unpunished (d) in great hurry

**Directions (Question Nos. 81 - 86) : Choose the word nearest in meaning to the words given in italics:**

81. The young man was filled with *anger*.  
(a) wrath (b) rage  
(c) hate (d) happiness
82. Mr. Smith is a *wealthy* man.  
(a) rich (b) opulent  
(c) shy (d) insane
83. The investigation disclosed the full *enormity* of the crime.  
(a) wickedness (b) carelessness  
(c) fabrication (d) falsehood
84. The idea that the camera never lies is a *fallacy*.  
(a) the truth (b) outrageous  
(c) uncalled for (d) misconception
85. The policeman was awarded for his *gallantry*.  
(a) performance (b) bravery  
(c) effort (d) respect
86. John was overcome with sadness when he heard his uncle's *demise*.  
(a) death (b) well-being  
(c) arrest (d) prosecution

**Directions (Question Nos. 87 - 94) : Select the antonym of the the underlined word or phrase:**

87. An idle mind is the devil's workshop.  
(a) diligent (b) empty  
(c) confident (d) ruthless
88. Being a generous man, David donated a huge sum of money to charity.  
(a) cheerful (b) evil  
(c) stingy (d) kind
89. What a marvellous news!  
(a) wonderful (b) terrible  
(c) extraordinary (d) bewildering
90. He is leading a miserable life.  
(a) inactive (b) unhappy  
(c) careful (d) contented
91. This land is barren.  
(a) fertile (b) fallow  
(c) stale (d) unproductive
92. She is extremely reticent about her personal affairs.  
(a) restrained (b) thankful  
(c) unreserved (d) uncertain
93. Parents who have amenable children are the fortunate ones.  
(a) Uncooperative (b) flexible  
(c) compliant (d) beautiful
94. The wife finds her husband wasting fuel trying to find cheap oil tormenting.  
(a) excruciating (b) stressful  
(c) indifferent (d) pleasant

**Directions (Question Nos. 95 - 100) : Select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blanks to make the sentence meaningful:**

95. Pollution \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.  
(a) disinfects (b) affects  
(c) effects (d) profits
96. The movie has \_\_\_\_\_ begun by the time we arrived.  
(a) already (b) all ready  
(c) always (d) almost
97. She \_\_\_\_\_ the flour for her special cake.  
(a) shifts (b) winnows  
(c) sifts (d) waters
98. I was amazed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of people present.  
(a) number (b) amount  
(c) bunch (d) stock
99. Their effort to cultivate the land will prove \_\_\_\_\_ because of the drought.  
(a) futile (b) fruitful  
(c) bountiful (d) multiplicative
100. The king kindly \_\_\_\_\_ to meet the peasant in person  
(a) condescended (b) implied  
(c) disagreed (d) rejected